

**JOHN STEPHEN DABBS IS WELCOMED HERE**  
 Pvt. and Mrs. Jack Dabbs of 2064 W. 220th st., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, John Stephen, born May 22, at Torrance L.A.P.E. Hospital. Pvt. Dabbs will complete his training at Camp Roberts on June 9.

## Cucci Votes 'No' As Council OKs New Spur Track

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 reason for giving a negative vote and for my attitude. "I do think that the policy here in Torrance has always been that anyone, or group, might come in without consideration to the

people or any consultation with the governing body. For that reason, I feel that we should set out an example here to keep anyone from coming in here and trampling roughshod over the people and governing body and arbitrarily put in their plans before anyone has a chance to contest them or get together. I say this for the reason that I was never consulted, nor was any member of the Council, as to the Navy plans until a week ago and it's too late to start any action against it now. Everyone knows my action here has always been the foremost, so far as the prosecution of the war, and I can't help but feel that, inasmuch as the Navy does have access to other means for a spur track, I want to say that my vote will be "no."

Following is the text of the resolution:  
 "WHEREAS, the Navy Department of the United States Government has commenced construction of certain buildings, warehouses and side tracks, known as the Naval Material Redistribution and Disposal Center, in the City of Torrance, across Arlington Avenue, and across the alley in Tract No. 3757 and alley in Tract No. 3758, as more fully described in the petition filed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for said permit, and

"WHEREAS, it has been represented to the City Council of the City of Torrance by an officer of the Navy that the contract has been awarded for the construction of said buildings and that they are urgently needed to promote the war effort, and

"WHEREAS, representatives of the Navy and said Railway Company have advised the Council that said spur track cannot be constructed elsewhere so as to comply with plans for the construction already started, and

"WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Torrance desires to cooperate with the Navy Department and all other Departments of the Federal Government in promoting the war effort,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:  
 "(1) That the City Council

give, and it does hereby give, to said Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a temporary permit to build its spur track over and across Arlington Avenue, adjacent to said Santa Fe Railway Company line as it is now constructed, across Arlington Avenue and the alley in Tract No. 3757 and alley in Tract No. 3758 as requested in said petition.

"(2) That this permit is to be considered a temporary permit for the construction and maintaining of said spur track for the duration of the present war against the United States and six months thereafter.

"Introduced and adopted this 24th day of May, 1945.  
 "W. H. TOLSON,  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

"ATTEST:  
 "A. H. BARTLETT,  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

"State of California  
 County of Los Angeles ss  
 City of Torrance  
 "I, A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted on the 24th day of May, 1945, at a Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, by the following roll call vote:

"AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson.  
 "NOES: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.  
 "ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.  
 "(Signed) A. H. BARTLETT,  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance"

## STORKatorials

Among children born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were those of the following:

- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hardman, 161 Herondo, Redondo Beach, a boy, May 26, at 7:48 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ellis M. Oester, 2015 Plaza del Amo, a girl, May 26, at 7:20 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stewart, 515 Harbor Hills, a girl, May 29 at 4:40 p.m.



**ANNIVERSARY . . .** Royal Neighbors of America observed the 24th anniversary of Torrance camp and the golden anniversary of the order at a colorful reception at Torrance Woman's clubhouse Tuesday evening of last week. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a gold ring to Mrs. C. A. Benzel in recognition for her years of faithful service to the camp. The ring has a sentimental value, having been a keepsake gift from the late Mrs. Lyda Brown, the first Torrance oracle, to Mrs. Helen Miller, who made the presentation.

## 2,000 Homes Needed in City, Survey Reveals

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 750,000 in 1944.

In the report made to the regional committee of the California State Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission, the results of a survey to date have brought out a number of other interesting points in connection with a post-war planning blueprint, which according to the commission, will be used as a formula for future planning in the Torrance trade area.

According to the local committee, "it was heretofore virtually impossible to follow guides and outlines furnished by hundreds of well-meaning agencies and private organizations. It also was found impracticable for busy plant managers and department heads to attend the numerous meetings called by post-war planning organizations."

"Literally thousands of pamphlets, circulars and booklets have been submitted to the local post-war planning body and the streamlined questionnaire prepared by this latest committee, has simplified the preparation and garnering of all statistical data required to show us the three main points of interest: What we did prior to the war, what we are now doing and what our post-war future should be."

A prior survey conducted by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce brought out answers to 12 important questions, which has been of considerable help to the commission in drawing up the post-war blueprint.

It was submitted to augment information called for in the general original plan, and, based upon 10,000 local employees, in respect of residence, it found that:

- Homes Needed**
1. Nineteen hundred would move to Torrance if adequate housing facilities were available. Twenty-two hundred would not. When polled to determine why they would not consider moving to Torrance, the majority stated that the recreational, educational and associated community activities were not sufficient to keep them happy and satisfied. They stressed the lack of a Class "A" theatre, the absence of a first class restaurant, and lack of public rest rooms and drinking fountains. Insufficient schools and area playgrounds appeared to be another major complaint. Expansion and improvement of shopping district was an added suggestion made by all of those contacted.
  2. Forty-five hundred indicated they intended to retain present work assignments after the war, providing similar work was available. Fifty-five hundred stated they would not.
  3. Twenty-two hundred expressed their intention of returning to their previous trades; 1000 would not; 1500 have had no previous trade or skill.
  4. Three thousand rent homes, 1200 own homes; 1100 live with relatives; 2700 hold mortgages on FHA loans.
  5. Two thousand intend purchasing homes; 1000 intend building; 1000 intend selling and 3900 intend to improve.
  6. The average members in individual families appears to be four, with the sexes equally divided.
  7. Fifteen hundred have children attending Torrance schools.
  8. Two thousand have relatives in the Armed Services.
  9. Fifteen hundred veterans from Torrance intend returning, all of whom desire local employment.
  10. The trades and professions of service men and women, prior to entering the armed forces varied. However, laborers predominated. In this connection, it is desired to point out that a large percentage of former residents have learned trades since entering the service, such as machinists, mechanics, radio technicians, cooks, bakers and the like. It is believed that these returning veterans can be readily absorbed into industry and commerce, replacing that percentage of in-migrant workers who will naturally return to their homes or migrate elsewhere.
  11. Twenty-five hundred own automobiles, the models ranging from 1931 to 1939.
  12. Eight thousand plan purchasing washing machines, 1500 stoves, 6000 electric irons, 4000 refrigerators, 8500 automobiles, 3200 furniture, 10,000 other household goods.
- Population and unemployment figures, work force, comparisons between prewar and post-war industry and community activity, local economic activities, transportation, power, police and fire departments, hospitals and health department, housing, public length program for possible action in connection with public works, education and recreation, all form an important part of the survey.
- In commenting upon the results of the survey and its value to the community, the state commission lauded the efforts expended by the local committee and stated that the Torrance plan would be used as a pilot survey for other communities in Los Angeles County, to follow.
- The Torrance committee is composed of Reed H. Parkin, president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, chairman and representing industry; Mayor W. H. Tolson, vice chairman, representing the City of Torrance; Grover C. Whyte, vice chairman, representing the press; Kenneth C. Beight, vice chairman, representing labor; Hillman E. Lee, representing commerce and service clubs; Glenn M. Jain, planning commission; Mrs. Mary Eggleston, welfare center; the Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, churches; Postmaster C. Earl Conner, veterans' organizations; Harold E. Perry, principal of Torrance High school; schools; K. E. Bradley, manager of USBS office, employment and manpower control; H. B. Lewis, executive secretary, Chamber of Commerce, coordinator.

## \$3,000,000 Job of G. P. Refinery Here Authorized

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 ry crude residues left over under current refining methods and which have not been refinable, may now be given "squeezes and more squeezes," until nothing is left but coke. While it means more gallons of gasoline for the war effort itself, the coking plant will assure a greater volume of post-war products for the consumer, ranging from the highest octane aviation gasoline down to Diesel and fuel oils and will make possible a controlled production of the highest quality of these products.

In explaining the significance of the new coking plant, W. M. McElroy, manager of refineries, General Petroleum Corporation, said:

"Facing a postwar picture of possible declining crude production and certain ever increasing demand for gasoline and distillate products, the oil industry on the coast is faced with a problem which can be solved only by the greatest foresight in planning for flexibility in operation and maximum secondary processing of various fractions contained in available crude."

"The days of simple distillation to obtain gasoline, kerosene, gas oil and residual heavy fuel are over."

"The past twenty-five years in the refining industry have seen the development of thermal cracking and reforming where various natural fractions of the crude oil are subjected to varying degrees of heat and pressure, resulting in producing lighter products from heavier and at the same time improving the quality of the gasoline made."

"This gas oil could be cracked to produce light hydrocarbons and gasoline, and heavy fuel oil only good for ships bunker fuel and industrial heavy fuels could be processed to make light hydrocarbons, gasoline and gas oil."

"This latter type of heavy fuel or residuum cracking had the disadvantage that a heavy tar comprising roughly one-third of the charge is formed requiring a goodly portion of the gas oil produced to bring the viscosity or fluidity to a point where it could be used for heavy fuel."

"Many other processes, such as catalytic cracking and alkylation, have been developed largely to improve quality of products and to make possible the use of hydrocarbons normally going to fuel gas. These processes in operation at the Torrance refinery have permitted the heavy contribution General Petroleum has made to the war effort."

"Still another addition to existing facilities is to be added. It has the dignified title of "Delayed Recycle Coking," but don't let that frighten you. Actually what happens is that heavy tarry crude oil residues are converted to light desirable hydrocarbons, gasoline and gas oil distillates without any of the heavy liquid product remaining. Instead, some 330 tons of solid coke comprise the end product daily. This type of processing represents the ultimate which can be obtained and corresponds to getting the last squeal out of the animal."

## Aircraft Cutback Will Have Little Effect Locally

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ees recently over the plant loud speakers, Doak said:

"We are at this moment engaged in negotiation with the Ryan Company for an increase of 100 per cent of the original order . . . all of which means that we will need a minimum of 300 new workers in order to meet the schedules set forth for this plant, which obviously is designed for the Japanese war and is most desperately needed by our Pacific Fleet."

**New Expansion**  
 Meanwhile P. J. Walker Co. was making rapid progress on the construction of the big Navy Material Redistribution Center which before completed probably will result in expenditure of some \$5,000,000, and which will give civil service employment to at least 350 men. The Walker company was preparing to put several hundred men to work on its \$1,800,000 share of the big job.

General Petroleum Corporation look out building permit for a \$3,000,000 addition to its Torrance refinery, which will give work during construction to several hundred men, it is reported, and which after completion will require a large operating payroll.

Plans for expansion of Longren Aircraft Co., International Derrick and Equipment Co. and Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. also are under way, it was reported.

All in all, according to local men who survey the needs of Torrance, any cutbacks will be immediately absorbed in permanent local employment, as the war draws to an end.

## Hospital Cases

Among those admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were the following:

- William H. Artrup, 741 Sartori ave.
- John T. Hosea, 15226 E. Atkinson st., Gardena.
- Mrs. Mary Ruan, 2478 Lomita Blvd.
- Mrs. Thurl Smith, 1218 El Prado.

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